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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Cattle marketings in the midwest were among the smallest for any full week in recent years. Receipts of hogs were 4 percent above the previous week but 3 percent below a year ago, and the volume of sheep and lambs was unchanged for the week but was 11% below last year. The week's trend on slaughter steers and heifers was unevenly steady to \$1.00 higher, large share 25-75¢ up. Barrows and gilts closed 25-50¢ higher over most of the area. Slaughter lamb prices were uneven but were generally steady to 50¢ lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - The smallest cattle numbers of the year to date moved through the 12 markets during Easter week as receipts at one or two points fell to the lowest levels in several years. Chicago receipts were down fully 11 percent and the smallest in five years, while arrivals in Omaha fell 15 percent and stood among the smallest for any week since July, 1953. This was reflected in the number of beef steers sold out of first hands at the 7 markets which was the smallest since early April 1958 and was among the smallest of record. Among the several factors responsible for very small receipts, the advent of religious holidays and curtailed slaughtering schedules figured most prominently. Largely owing to non-slaughtering Jewish holidays, finishers held back shipments of Prime steers. As a result, the 5 percent Prime steers in Chicago was only half as large as the previous week and the smallest since last July. A decline of 22# in the average weight of steers sold in Chicago, the sharpest drop from one week to the next in over a year, also attested to the reduction in the percentage of Prime as well as Choice steers. Cattle prices advanced, but it was due to extremely small supplies. Slaughter steers sold steady to \$1.00 higher, mostly 25-75¢ higher, while most heifers closed steady to 50¢ higher. An exception at St. Louis National Stock Yards where numbers of Utility and Standard steers and heifers showed a sharp increase and such cattle sold steady to 50¢ lower. Cows sold steady to 50¢ lower at Chicago and 50¢ off at So. St. Paul but were steady to 50¢ higher at other points. Bulls sold steady at the majority of markets. Vealers declined \$1.00 in St. Louis National Stock Yards and \$1.00-2.00 in So. St. Paul. Good to average-Choice steers and heifers formed the bulk of 12 market cattle supplies, the sharp drop in the percentage of steers marketed in Chicago fed longer than six months illustrated by the fact that average selling price of all steers fell nearly 40¢ in a strong to mostly 50¢ higher trade.

Choice steers bulked at \$26.50-28.50 at markets outside Chicago, Prime reaching \$31.00

in Sioux City while the peak price of \$30.35 in Omaha was a high since last June at that point. In Chicago, Choice steers bulked at \$27.00-29.50, most high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime \$29.50-31.50 with nine loads Prime 1150-1275# steers \$32.00-33.50. Bulk Good steers over the area \$24.00-26.50. A few Prime 1068# heifers at Chicago \$29.00, however, Prime and high-Choice heifers proved extremely scarce. At most markets Choice heifers bulked at \$25.75-27.75, Good largely \$22.50-25.50. Utility and Commercial cows \$15.50-18.50, Canners and Cutters largely \$13.00-16.75.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Stocker and feeder cattle and calf receipts at terminal markets were seasonally moderate with a large percentage of the over-all supplies consisting of 450-750# steers. Good and Choice yearlings predominated while Choice 400-450# calves were relatively scarce. Feeder steers over 800# were in smaller supply than the previous week and, due chiefly to aggressive competition from slaughter cattle buyers, a smaller percent of the fleshy 950-1050# two-way steers were purchased for further feeding than was the case the week previous. Farmers in some areas were two to three weeks behind in their spring field work and, with rapidly improving weather and soil conditions, many were busy in the fields and some potential buyers as a result stayed off the markets. Even so, outlet generally was more than adequate to absorb the numbers offered as above average spring pasture prospects, abundant supplies of feeds, and fairly high price levels for slaughter cattle all were factors encouraging a widespread demand. In fairly active trading, prices generally were steady to 50¢ higher. Principal exceptions to the stronger trend occurred at Kansas City where 500-775# steers and heifers sold weak to 50¢ lower and at Oklahoma City where sales were 50¢-\$1.00 lower. Declines at the latter two markets reflected an adjustment to bring prices more in line with other markets and probably to some extent other temporary local conditions rather than a significant departure from the good demand which has generally been developing with the start of a new grazing season.

Good and Choice 550-775# yearling steers sold largely from \$25.00-29.25; few loads Choice 500-575# \$30.00-31.00. At Sioux City Choice 649# steers brought \$30.00 and three loads Choice 612# reached \$32.00. Medium to low-Good stockers ranged \$22.00-26.00. Good and Choice 800-1050# feeders sold chiefly from \$24.00-26.50, few 775-850# \$27.00-27.50. Medium to low-Good feeders sold from \$20.00-24.00, including some mostly low-Good at \$22.50.

Good and Choice yearling heifers ranged \$22.00-27.25 with weight continuing to be an important price determining factor. Good and Choice steer calves sold from \$26.00-34.00, majority \$28.00-32.00. Same grades heifer calves brought \$23.00-30.00. Medium and Good stock cows sold from \$15.00-19.00, few up to \$20.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Price trends fluctuated somewhat during the week but in general, trading was fairly active under good demand, particularly to shippers, and closing prices were largely 25-50¢ higher than on the previous Friday. This the 15th consecutive week of price advances at Chicago. Upturns on pork loins in the carlot meat trade a bearish influence in the live trading. Receipts at the 12 markets were 13 percent above the previous week but were 10 percent below the corresponding week last year. Receipts were unevenly distributed between markets. In some areas such as Sioux City where high water had recently subsided, farmers were unable to get into the fields and hog marketings increased 60 percent for the week. However, at Indianapolis supplies decreased as producers turned their attention to farming operations.

Mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-250# barrows and gilts at midwest terminals Friday, brought \$16.00-16.75 with selected and sorted lots of No. 1-2, 190-235# from \$16.50-17.25, mainly \$16.75-17.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3, live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 95¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago April 7 to April 13, 1960 inclusive.

HOGS - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota Area - Receipts were 3 percent below the previous week, but around 5 percent larger than a year earlier. Daily supplies were only moderate with the exception of a bulge in receipts on Wednesday when rain curtailed field work in part of the area. Prices on barrows and gilts closed 15¢ to mostly 25¢ higher than the previous Friday, sows were 25¢ higher. Mixed U. S. No. 1-3, 190-240# butchers closed at \$15.30-16.00 with moderate supply No. 1 and 2 selected lots 190-230# \$16.00-16.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - The 12 market receipts were little changed from the previous week but were 11 percent less than a year ago. Trading was rather slow during the pre-holiday week. Steady to lower lamb carcass prices influenced price weakness on the live trade. Slaughter lamb prices were uneven but were generally steady to 50¢ lower. Spring slaughter lambs were \$1.00-2.00 lower at Ft. Worth. Slaughter ewes were mostly steady. Feeder lambs were mainly steady, but instances 50¢ higher at Denver and 50¢ lower at St. Joseph.

Late in the week, Choice and Prime 90-115# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$21.25-22.50, sparingly to \$23.00; most Choice 89-117# \$20.50-22.00; Good and Choice \$19.50-21.50. Choice and Prime 93-110# shorn No. 1 and 2 pelt slaughter lambs \$20.75-22.00; most Choice 89-110# \$19.50-21.00; Good and Choice 94-112# \$18.50-20.50. Most Choice and Prime 80-108# spring slaughter lambs brought \$22.25-23.75, but reached \$25.00 at St. Louis National Stock Yards; Good and Choice 75-110# spring lambs \$21.00-22.75. Cull to Choice slaughter ewes brought \$3.00-8.50.

Most Good and Choice 70-87# feeder lambs moved from \$19.00-20.50, few lots to \$21.00 at Omaha; Medium and Good woolled feeders \$16.50-19.50.

In the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area, prices on woolled slaughter lambs were weak to 50¢ lower for the week; shorn lambs weak to 25¢ lower; and slaughter ewes steady to weak. Estimated receipts were 6 percent less than the previous week, but 9 percent over a year ago. Shorn lambs comprised around 50 percent of the slaughter lamb supply. On Friday, Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 90-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants sold from \$20.50-21.50 with Prime high-yielding lambs to \$21.75; Choice 105-120# \$19.50-20.50; Good and low-Choice 90-110# lambs \$19.00-20.50. Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 90-100# lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts brought \$20.00-21.00 with Prime fall shorn lambs to \$21.50; Choice 90-100# No. 2-3 pelt lambs \$19.00-20.00; Good and Choice with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts, \$18.50-20.00. Cull to Choice slaughter ewes ranged from \$3.00-6.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct sales on slaughter cattle as well as stockers and feeders were mostly steady in California and Arizona, no sales confirmed in Nevada or Utah; spring lambs steady in California.

Slaughter steers: In California, 2 loads 1050-1075# average-Choice to low-Prime \$28.25; 16 loads average to high-Choice 925-1150# \$27.75-28.00; over California and Arizona, 148 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 875-1150# \$27.00-27.50, including some for May-June delivery; 55 loads Good 925-1100# \$26.00-26.50; 24 loads high-Standard and Good 875-1100# \$24.00-25.50; 7 loads Standard 950-1140# \$22.50-23.50. **Slaughter heifers:** 24 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 700-925# \$26.00-27.00; 4 loads Good and Choice 750-950#

\$25.50-25.65.

Stockers and feeders, for current to early June delivery: Good and Choice 650-960# steers \$25.00-27.25; Good 550-900# \$24.50-25.00; Medium 500-700# \$22.00-23.50; Good and Choice 550-800# heifers \$23.00-25.00.

Around 33,000 mixed slaughter and feeder spring lambs sold in California with Choice and Prime 98-112# spring slaughter lambs at \$21.00-22.00 and Good to mostly Choice 80-90# feeders \$20.00-21.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on fed cattle direct at feedlots in Colorado rather slow, but prices held mostly steady. The drop in volume was influenced by a heavy backlog of previously bought cattle, field work and the tendency to curtail buying during Holy Week. Confirmed sales totaled 211 loads of fed cattle, against 424 loads the previous week and 375 loads a year earlier. In Colorado 37 loads average to high-Choice 1165-1367# fed steers \$27.00-27.50; 53 loads mostly Choice 1000-1175# \$26.00-26.90; few loads mostly Good 1150-1175# \$25.00-25.75. Twenty-nine loads average to high-Choice 800-1000# fed heifers \$25.35-26.75, mostly \$26.35-26.50; 75 loads mostly Choice 900-975# \$25.75-26.25; 8 loads mixed Good and Choice, mostly Good 985-1000# \$23.50-25.50.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves continued good at fully steady prices, but sales were limited. Western Kansas: 400 Good and Choice around 700# feeder heifers \$24.75. Nebraska: 150 Good and Choice around 660# feeder heifers \$25.25. Colorado: Around 150 Good and Choice 470# short yearling heifers \$28.20.

A moderate volume of slaughter lambs sold steady, many feedlots in the cleanup stage. Two loads Good to mostly Choice 100# woolled lambs \$21.50 to eastern account; 4 loads mostly Choice 106-109# woolled lambs at \$21.00-21.25, delivered Denver; 4 loads Choice 114-116# shorn lambs with No. 2 and 3 pelts \$20.00-20.50 also delivered Denver. Load Prime 92# Kansas spring lambs \$23.75, delivered Denver.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter steer prices were steady to strong; no sales fed heifers; stockers and feeders steady. Five loads average-Choice 1050# fed steers \$26.85; 46 loads Good to average-Choice 950-1150# \$24.25-26.50; 4 loads Standard 700# \$23.00. Around 2,300 Good and Choice 600-750# stocker and feeder steers \$23.00-26.00; 250 Good steers mid-October delivery to weigh 700# \$22.50. About 700 Good and Choice 575-625# heifers \$23.00-24.00; 200 Choice 400-440# stock calves \$32.00 steers, and \$29.00 heifers; around 4,725 Good and Choice 400-

475# stock calves \$29.00-30.00 steers, and \$27.00-29.00 heifers.

Amarillo Area - Direct trade rather slow; mostly steady. Dozen loads Good with few Choice 840-860# fed heifers \$25.00-25.50; 5 loads 800# mixed steer and heifer yearlings on dressed basis \$45.00 Choice, \$43.00 Good and \$41.00 Standard; 2 loads Good 1600# fed steers \$21.00; 2 loads Utility slaughter cows \$16.00. Good and Choice feeder steers \$24.50-25.00; Choice 450-470# stock calves \$29.00-30.00 steers, \$27.00 heifers; over 1,600 Choice calves fall delivery to weigh 425-450# \$26.00 steers and \$24.00 heifers, small string \$28.00 straight. Three loads Medium stock cows \$15.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers fully steady; stocker and feeder classes mostly steady; limited sales slaughter lambs 50¢-\$1.00 lower.

Choice 1000-1250# slaughter steers brought \$26.50-27.50 in Washington and Oregon. Idaho - Mostly Choice 1000-1175# steers \$26.00-27.00, several loads at the latter price for delivery in 30 days. Mixed Good and Choice 1050-1075# steers \$25.50 in Washington and Idaho where 820-975# Choice heifers brought \$24.75-25.50.

Washington - Good and Choice yearling stock steers \$27.00 with 575-625# yearling heifers \$24.00-24.50; string Good 400-425# heifer stock calves \$26.00, with 10 percent cut. Oregon - Good and Choice 575# yearling heifers \$24.50.

Deck Choice spring slaughter lambs in Oregon \$23.50 delivered. In Idaho 2,000 cross bred ewe's fleeces brought 45¢ grease basis.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Trading slow prior to Easter Holiday. About 75 head Choice 515# feeder heifers sold about steady at \$27.00; load Good and Choice near 550# heifers \$25.00. In the Great Falls, Montana area, couple sales totaling near 525 head Choice reputation brand yearling steers expected to weigh in vicinity of 750# went to repeat buyer at \$25.00 for September delivery.

Sheep and lambs: Rather quiet, in central Wyoming, near 3,000 head Good and Choice wether feeder lambs expected to weigh near 67# for early October delivery were contracted at \$18.00.

Wool: Rather slow with prices steady to weak, confirmed sales 417,000#. In Montana, sales totaling 137,000# medium to fine both shorn and contracted for shearing up to about 3 weeks, 12 months ewes wool 44-47¢ per grease pound, some farm flocks 40-42¢. Northern Wyoming, 237,500# shorn ewes wool 39-45¢, few farm flocks 35-42¢ and about 42,500# fine light shrinking reputation clips sold up to 52½¢.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 16	Apr. 18
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	29,348	41,534	273	418	33,093	46,470	5,199	8,498
Cincinnati	3,110	2,968	722	706	11,688	11,978	899	393
Denver	8,522	11,350	299	613	5,068	3,301	19,302	26,339
Fort Worth	5,970	4,060	1,167	955	3,111	3,873	24,188	16,568
Indianapolis	6,548	6,333	515	447	30,849	38,297	1,149	618
Kansas City	20,636	22,664	1,298	839	14,778	17,301	6,625	7,190
Oklahoma City	6,841	8,158	840	405	4,239	4,267	1,128	4,494
Omaha	28,882	41,826	688	321	43,100	42,856	11,410	16,492
St. Joseph	15,130	16,624	574	342	25,955	27,840	6,003	6,091
St. Louis NSY	14,228	14,934	1,728	1,823	58,863	64,176	2,641	3,802
Sioux City	25,429	29,379	478	668	45,845	41,129	4,676	4,965
S. St. Paul	16,909	22,873	5,763	5,830	42,800	51,875	6,293	4,683
Total	181,553	222,703	14,345	13,367	319,389	353,363	89,513	100,133
Total Apr. 9, 1960	195,855		14,333		283,254		91,467	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Apr. 16, 1960	Apr. 9, 1960	Apr. 18, 1959
Hogs	334,000	346,000	319,000
Sheep	23,700	25,300	21,800

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Three months	
	Apr. 14	Apr. 7	Mar.	Mar.	Jan.-Mar.	Jan.-Mar.
	1960	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
Steers - 1001# up	699	925	1,487	3,135	5,613	8,464
901-1000	2,013	2,029	2,156	10,979	10,498	27,320
801-900	2,935	3,306	3,700	14,886	15,457	42,249
701-800	4,033	3,666	4,906	15,160	19,712	49,907
501-700	12,749	10,979	12,854	40,885	53,726	109,582
Total steers 10 markets	22,429	20,905	25,103	85,045	105,006	237,522
Av. wts. " " "	704#	720#	720#	730#	721#	730#
Av. cost* " " "	\$25.47	\$25.20	\$28.44	\$24.90	\$27.64	\$24.20
" " " Chicago	24.83	25.04	28.20	25.01	26.09	24.05
" " " Kansas City	25.65	25.03	28.68	25.14	27.78	24.09
" " " Omaha	25.67	25.05	29.74	24.27	28.60	23.98
" " " S. St. Paul	24.10	25.13	25.68	24.63	24.81	23.02
" " " Sioux City	26.29	26.13	30.14	25.99	29.60	25.51
" " " Denver	25.69	26.68	26.45	25.14	26.21	24.81
" " " Ft. Worth	24.06	24.96	27.86	24.44	27.67	23.69
" " " Oklahoma City	24.22	24.37	27.46	23.91	26.64	23.25
" " " S. St. Joseph	25.42	24.16	27.96	24.51	27.21	23.83
" " " St. Louis NSY	24.35	24.49	26.71	24.51	25.75	23.42
Total calves - 10 markets	5,400	10,052	7,002	28,342	30,371	114,314
" heifers " " "	3,016	4,068	4,803	13,078	18,700	34,597
" cows " " "	355	386	628	3,517	3,069	9,032

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Oklahoma City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Apr. 15, 1960	3	55	22	19	7	22	5	10	12	60	75	55	45
Apr. 8, 1960	3	49	12	16	6	24	5	8	12	65	69	52	45
Apr. 17, 1959	2	48	17	18	5	29	5	4	7	65	62	57	40
Slaughter cows													
Apr. 15, 1960	6	7	12	8	10	6	25	12	15	15	8	17	20
Apr. 8, 1960	6	9	8	7	10	3	20	8	15	20	10	18	18
Apr. 17, 1959	7	7	7	4	7	5	20	8	7	20	9	12	20

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Apr. 14 1960	Apr. 16 1959	Apr. 14 1960	Apr. 16 1959	Apr. 14 1960	Apr. 16 1959	Apr. 14 1960	Apr. 16 1959
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	976	1,007	4.9	3.6	1,236	1,243	31.27	35.02
Choice.....	11,105	13,574	55.2	48.4	1,186	1,202	27.98	30.80
Good.....	6,668	11,735	33.1	41.9	1,084	1,104	25.87	28.31
Standard.....	1,004	1,474	5.0	5.3	1,002	1,030	23.05	25.97
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	367	231	1.8	.8	1,043	1,047	20.26	23.96
All grades.....	20,120	28,021			1,143	1,152	27.14	29.69
OMAHA								
Prime.....	48	120	.4	.6	1,293	1,229	30.13	32.77
Choice.....	3,357	8,016	30.3	39.4	1,190	1,174	27.40	29.17
Good.....	6,590	10,724	59.5	52.8	1,098	1,101	25.41	27.24
Standard.....	678	1,132	6.1	5.6	1,050	1,068	21.89	24.25
Utility.....	406	323	3.7	1.6	1,031	986	19.85	22.56
All grades.....	11,079	20,315			1,121	1,127	25.68	27.85
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	98	104	1.1	.8	1,392	1,292	29.63	31.64
Choice.....	3,023	5,805	34.1	45.3	1,181	1,197	27.29	29.03
Good.....	5,069	6,374	57.2	49.7	1,114	1,121	25.62	27.21
Standard.....	556	503	6.3	3.9	1,063	1,079	22.00	24.21
Utility.....	115	39	1.3	.3	1,021	1,081	19.74	22.61
All grades.....	8,861	12,825			1,135	1,155	25.99	27.98
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	8	21	.1	.3	1,012	1,227	28.75	32.25
Choice.....	2,273	2,541	44.7	40.4	1,126	1,190	27.18	29.31
Good.....	2,134	3,045	42.0	48.4	1,057	1,086	25.47	27.63
Standard.....	605	551	12.0	8.8	1,097	990	22.08	24.33
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	59	135	1.2	2.1	1,015	971	19.27	22.90
All grades.....	5,079	6,293			1,092	1,117	25.79	28.02
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	205	1,100	3.8	20.0	1,166	1,126	27.68	29.40
Good.....	3,481	3,256	64.2	59.4	1,030	1,093	25.74	27.67
Standard.....	1,246	822	23.0	15.0	967	999	23.17	25.38
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	493	308	9.0	5.6	967	958	20.17	23.54
All grades.....	5,425	5,486			1,015	1,078	24.78	27.51
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,867	2,613	44.5	32.3	1,142	1,140	27.49	28.86
Good.....	3,145	4,757	48.8	58.8	1,074	1,073	25.48	26.98
Standard.....	413	655	6.4	8.1	1,079	1,077	21.18	24.18
Utility.....	21	66	.3	.8	931	1,018	18.79	22.60
All grades.....	6,446	8,091			1,104	1,094	26.12	27.36
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	2,188	2,360	73.7	50.7	1,169	1,158	26.59	28.78
Good.....	638	2,204	21.5	47.4	1,115	1,148	25.29	27.82
Standard.....	138	87	4.6	1.9	1,054	1,144	20.66	23.21
Utility.....	5	--	.2	--	867	--	18.50	--
All grades.....	2,969	4,651			1,152	1,153	26.06	28.22

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 16	Apr. 18
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Boston, New York City Area...	8,741	12,181	8,895	10,576	45,703	50,074	36,685	38,391
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,200	7,667	1,367	730	22,991	31,036	4,000	3,801
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	16,818	16,690	4,094	4,538	132,466	114,323	10,552	13,756
Chicago Area.....	15,267	20,007	6,094	4,411	35,113	49,972	4,642	4,534
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	27,644	28,529	20,571	19,712	106,696	103,590	10,116	9,805
St. Louis Area.....	10,430	10,570	1,442	1,610	87,123	87,854	3,949	4,193
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	19,610	20,261	--	--	90,609	87,136	12,913	16,259
Omaha Area.....	29,233	34,741	245	161	80,198	82,283	11,417	18,952
Kansas City.....	12,368	11,658	--	--	39,281	30,988	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	29,183	30,878	7,712	8,051	275,144	254,509	28,067	27,633
Lou'l. Evan'l. Nash'l. Mph's....	5,586	6,225	3,652	3,922	65,700	63,305	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	7,010	5,740	2,378	1,727	31,300	26,389	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City..	17,585	17,712	1,179	899	46,549	44,330	8,400	11,929
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio..	9,359	8,688	3,972	3,742	19,728	22,600	27,251	19,184
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City..	19,825	19,006	184	224	17,685	14,654	27,610	33,261
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	22,969	20,854	1,478	2,221	25,351	27,145	36,066	30,042
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	6,634	6,196	225	193	13,424	14,764	6,522	3,596
Total.....	266,462	277,603	63,488	62,717	1,135,061	1,104,952	228,190	235,336
Accumulation to date.....	4,384,893		1,042,750		18,519,220		3,595,817	
		3,983,818		1,034,942		17,952,031		3,597,594

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Num- ber	Prod.	Num- ber	Prod.	Num- ber	Prod.	Num- ber	Prod.		
	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	mil. lb.	mil. lb.
Apr. 16, 1960	320	189.4	90	10.1	1,295	180.9	250	12.5	392.9	--
Apr. 9, 1960	330	197.3	100	10.9	1,265	175.3	255	12.8	396.3	--
Apr. 2, 1960 1/	343	--	106	--	1,374	--	247	--	--	41.6
Apr. 18, 1959 1/	331	201.0	91	10.3	1,269	176.7	270	13.5	401.5	44.2
Percentage change from:										
Apr. 9, 1960	-3	-4	-10	-7	2	3	-2	-2	-1	--
Apr. 18, 1959	-3	-6	-1	-2	2	2	-7	-7	-2	--
Week ended	Average weight (lb.)				Sheep and lambs				Lard yield per 100 lb.	
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		2/			
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed		
Apr. 16, 1960	1030	592	200	112	243	140	103	50	--	
Apr. 9, 1960	1040	598	195	109	241	139	105	50	--	
Apr. 2, 1960	1040	598	192	108	238	137	105	50	--	
Apr. 18, 1959	1052	607	201	113	242	139	104	50	14.4	

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
Classification		Apr. 16 1960	Apr. 18 1959	Apr. 16 1960	Apr. 18 1959	Apr. 16 1960	Apr. 18 1959	Apr. 16 1960	Apr. 18 1959	Apr. 16 1960	Apr. 18 1959
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	31.08	34.00	--	--	30.38	33.65	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	31.55	35.10	--	--	30.35	33.75	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	28.38	31.42	27.82	30.05	28.28	30.38	26.50	28.98	27.62	28.97
	1100-1300	28.62	31.72	27.70	30.05	28.22	30.38	26.50	28.98	27.00	28.62
Good	900-1100	25.58	28.02	25.35	27.55	25.02	26.78	23.62	26.45	25.62	27.84
Standard - All wts.		22.72	25.58	21.88	24.92	21.65	24.02	20.25	23.20	23.12	26.25
Heifers -											
Choice*	700-900#	27.28	--	27.00	28.92	27.38	28.28	25.94	28.15	--	--
Good**	600-800	--	26.75	24.75	26.55	24.12	25.58	22.81	25.48	25.12	26.88
Standard - All wts.		21.65	24.55	21.25	24.05	20.60	23.00	19.12	21.75	22.50	25.38
Cows - All weights -											
Commercial		17.65	20.95	18.00	21.18	17.85	20.50	18.88	21.00	18.00	21.25
Utility		16.92	19.88	16.50	19.55	16.38	19.05	17.25	19.88	16.75	19.25
Cutter		15.95)	17.80	15.35)	17.25	14.80)	16.80	15.50)	17.50	14.00)	16.50
Canner		14.30)		13.25)		13.40)		14.12)		12.00)	
Bulls - All weights -											
Commercial		20.60	24.55	19.00	21.82	18.75	22.38	--	22.25	20.50	23.25
Utility		20.05	23.10	19.00	21.32	18.50	21.12	20.00	22.75	21.25	24.25
Calves - 500# down -											
Choice		--	--	25.50	29.90	--	--	--	--	29.00	--
Good		--	--	23.00	27.50	--	--	--	--	26.50	28.25
Standard		--	--	20.75	25.00	--	--	--	--	24.00	25.75
Vealers - All wts. -											
Choice		31.80	--	27.50	33.50	27.00	32.40	--	--	31.50	34.69
Good		29.00	33.00	24.50	31.00	24.50	30.20	--	--	29.50	31.75
Standard		23.50	29.50	21.50	28.00	21.00	27.50	--	--	26.00	27.50
Feeder and stocker cattle and calves											
Steers -											
Choice	500-800#	29.00	32.50	28.75	32.00	29.25	32.25	28.00	31.55	26.25	28.75
Good	500-800	26.25	29.50	25.50	29.75	25.50	27.75	25.25	29.00	24.00	27.00
Medium	500-1000	22.75	26.70	21.75	26.50	21.25	24.62	21.75	24.50	20.25	24.00
Heifers -											
Choice	500-750#	--	--	25.40	29.25	25.75	29.00	25.50	28.88	24.75	27.25
Med. & Gd.	500-750	--	--	21.75	25.50	22.00	24.25	22.00	25.75	20.50	24.25
Cows - All wts. -											
Med. & Gd.		--	--	18.25	20.25	14.50	19.12	--	19.50	15.25	--
Calves - 300-500# -											
Steers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	29.75	35.50	30.75	35.50	31.00	37.00	28.00	31.50
Heifers -											
Good & Choice		--	--	26.25	32.00	27.00	32.38	28.00	34.12	25.50	29.50
*Weight range 600-800# in 1959.											
** " " 700-900# " "											

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		National		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Apr.	16	Apr.	16	Apr.	16	Apr.	16	Apr.	16	Apr.	16	Apr.	16	Apr.	16	Apr.	16
Barrows and gilts -																		
U. S. No. 1 & 2																		
180-200#	16.34	16.58	--	--	16.78	17.00	15.75	16.75	16.75	16.89	17.14	16.12	16.65	--	--	16.55	16.78	
200-220	16.75	16.84	--	--	16.78	17.02	16.55	16.95	16.90	17.18	16.62	16.68	16.62	16.54	16.60	16.76		
220-240	16.61	16.66	--	--	16.78	16.88	16.55	16.85	16.85	16.85	16.96	16.62	16.66	16.50	16.42	16.58		
U. S. No. 2 & 3																		
200-220	16.43	16.60	--	--	16.40	16.52	16.02	16.28	16.55	16.64	16.00	15.98	16.17	16.05	16.28	16.45		
220-240	16.38	16.45	--	--	16.35	16.40	16.02	16.20	16.52	16.60	16.04	15.95	16.17	16.04	16.12	16.22		
240-270	16.16	16.18	--	--	16.06	16.00	15.80	15.82	16.16	16.24	15.86	15.63	16.03	15.72	15.90	15.85		
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																		
180-200	16.11	16.42	15.35	15.29	16.50	16.75	15.45	15.98	16.64	16.88	15.72	16.20	16.19	15.98	16.38	16.62		
200-220	16.60	16.75	15.74	15.79	16.50	16.75	16.30	16.48	16.72	16.88	16.15	16.28	16.43	16.31	16.46	16.55		
220-240	16.53	16.60	15.62	15.59	16.46	16.55	16.30	16.45	16.66	16.84	16.15	16.25	16.41	16.20	16.35	16.28		
240-270	16.28	16.32	15.26	15.34	16.12	16.15	15.98	16.18	16.40	16.40	15.92	15.98	16.26	15.95	15.98	15.92		
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3																		
270-330	--	--	14.74	14.52	14.70	14.65	15.00	14.65	14.92	14.42	14.82	14.62	14.62	14.48	14.62	14.40		
330-400	14.35	14.05	14.37	14.02	14.40	14.35	14.50	14.02	14.45	14.05	14.55	14.20	14.35	14.15	14.35	13.72		
400-550	13.75	13.22	13.52	12.98	14.12	13.50	14.05	13.38	14.05	13.30	14.20	13.58	14.32	13.60	13.80	13.00		
South																		
St. Paul																		
Sioux City																		
Sioux Falls																		
Cincinnati																		
Fort Worth																		
Thomasville																		
Baltimore																		
North																		
Portland																		
Barrows and gilts -																		
U. S. No. 1 & 2																		
180-200#	15.98	16.55	16.08	16.62	--	--	16.66	17.10	--	--	15.60	16.24	17.69	17.98	18.00	18.88		
200-220	16.38	16.65	16.42	16.75	16.28	16.34	16.82	17.12	--	--	15.60	16.24	17.74	17.98	18.00	18.88		
220-240	16.38	16.60	16.40	16.67	16.28	16.25	16.57	16.82	--	--	15.60	16.24	17.50	17.88	17.50	18.50		
U. S. No. 2 & 3																		
200-220	15.90	15.85	16.22	16.36	15.95	16.05	16.77	16.99	16.00	16.78	15.18	15.52	--	--	17.25	18.00		
220-240	15.85	15.75	16.18	16.28	15.92	15.98	16.52	16.74	15.97	16.78	15.18	15.52	--	--	17.25	17.75		
240-270	15.72	15.58	15.94	15.88	15.58	15.58	16.02	16.12	15.66	16.56	14.62	14.80	--	16.90	16.56	17.12		
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																		
180-200	15.75	15.85	15.98	16.41	--	--	16.62	16.99	--	--	15.25	15.62	17.34	17.82	--	18.44		
200-220	16.05	15.98	16.26	16.48	16.20	16.25	16.77	16.99	16.19	16.91	15.25	15.62	17.38	17.82	--	18.44		
220-240	16.00	15.95	16.26	16.47	16.10	16.08	16.52	16.74	16.00	16.91	15.25	15.62	17.09	17.65	--	18.00		
240-270	15.80	--	16.02	16.04	15.62	15.65	16.04	16.12	15.75	16.75	--	--	--	--	--	17.50		
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3																		
270-330	14.58	15.02	14.58	14.75	14.75	14.12	14.40	14.25	14.28	14.25	12.05	12.75	14.38	--	14.75	15.50		
330-400	14.45	14.50	14.45	14.20	14.55	13.92	14.05	13.72	13.78	13.91	11.55	12.30	14.00	--	14.25	15.00		
400-550	14.20	13.62	13.98	13.42	14.15	13.05	13.70	13.02	13.38	13.34	11.05	11.50	13.25	--	13.50	13.75		
Feeder pigs - All wts.																		
Good and Choice	14.75	15.20	--	--	--	--	--	15.62	--	--	--	--	--	--	16.75	--	--	

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended	Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST - Dollars per 100 pounds									
Barrows and gilts Apr. 16, 1960	16.25	16.24	16.10	15.80	15.79	16.03	15.72	16.53	16.03
Apr. 9, 1960	16.15	16.15	16.18	15.96	15.84	16.03	15.81	16.25	16.04
Apr. 18, 1959	16.38	16.36	15.98	16.08	16.02	16.13	15.85	16.64	16.20
Sows Apr. 16, 1960	13.82	14.27	14.29	14.10	14.04	14.38	14.04	13.93	14.08
Apr. 9, 1960	13.89	14.23	14.53	14.54	14.37	14.55	14.35	13.87	14.24
Apr. 18, 1959	13.39	13.73	13.87	13.62	13.55	14.00	13.81	13.39	13.63
AVERAGE WEIGHT - Pounds									
Barrows and gilts Apr. 16, 1960	237	219	228	242	242	230	239	228	233
Apr. 9, 1960	237	217	228	238	240	227	235	226	230
Apr. 18, 1959	236	223	233	239	240	230	237	227	233
Sows Apr. 16, 1960	444	393	417	427	419	403	420	441	420
Apr. 9, 1960	455	397	426	422	423	405	418	447	424
Apr. 18, 1959	427	415	418	420	414	390	403	448	418
NUMBER OF HEAD -									
Barrows and gilts Apr. 16, 1960	26002	49744	12952	34925	39379	22700	32501	26003	244206
Apr. 9, 1960	25366	46787	8763	33149	25206	14863	32626	28828	215588
Apr. 18, 1959	37807	59336	15865	35545	35393	25087	39853	33607	282493
Sows Apr. 16, 1960	2821	4311	995	4895	3966	1782	3712	3181	25663
Apr. 9, 1960	3007	4658	901	4168	2198	1336	2905	3515	22688
Apr. 18, 1959	4239	4252	910	5097	3730	1476	4864	2675	27243
SOWS Percentage of total									
Apr. 16, 1960	10	8	7	12	9	7	10	11	10
Apr. 9, 1960	11	9	9	11	8	8	8	11	10
Apr. 18, 1959	10	7	5	13	10	6	11	7	9

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Apr. 16, 1960	\$18.64	\$16.60	\$2.04
Apr. 9, 1960	18.16	16.43	1.73
Apr. 18, 1959	18.35	16.75	1.60

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Apr. 16, 1960	16.25	120.8	13.5
Apr. 9, 1960	16.15	119.2	13.5
Apr. 18, 1959	16.38	128.6	12.7

1/ Simple average price.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	Apr. 16, 1960	22.75*	22.15*	23.00	22.80	--	21.25*	--
	Apr. 18, 1959	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	Apr. 16, 1960	21.88*	21.22*	22.40	22.40	21.09*	20.75*	23.75
	Apr. 18, 1959	21.32*	21.08*	22.30	22.50	23.02	21.50	23.25
Good	Apr. 16, 1960	21.03*	20.12*	20.20*	21.45	20.09*	19.88*	18.25*
	Apr. 18, 1959	20.88*	20.22*	21.50	21.60	--	20.50	--
EWES: (Woolled) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Apr. 16, 1960	7.85	6.50	6.50	--	6.75**	6.00	7.25
	Apr. 18, 1959	7.35	7.98	7.25	--	9.00	7.25	8.75
Cull and Utility	Apr. 16, 1960	6.60	4.75	5.00	7.50**	4.75**	4.00	5.25
	Apr. 18, 1959	6.15	6.00	5.88	--	6.12	4.50	5.75
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Apr. 16, 1960	--	21.00	18.10	19.00	19.88	--	16.75
	Apr. 18, 1959	--	19.88	--	18.55	18.75	--	15.25

*Woolled basis. **Shorn basis.

LIVESTOCK PRICES AT CHICAGO COMPARED WITH WHOLESALE AND COMPOSITE RETAIL
MEAT PRICES AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MEAT VALUES AT NEW YORK

	Steers			Lambs			Hogs		
	Mar. 1960	Feb. 1960	Mar. 1959	Mar. 1960	Feb. 1960	Mar. 1959	Mar. 1960	Feb. 1960	Mar. 1959
<u>Dollars per 100 pounds</u>									
Live animal prices									
Chicago 1/	29.50	27.87	30.93	22.64	21.05	20.56	15.72	13.86	16.33
Wholesale meat prices,									
New York 2/	47.96	46.52	49.82	46.72	41.88	42.96	--	--	--
<u>Cents per pound</u>									
Composite retail meat prices, New York 3/	78.94	76.31	80.83	65.92	64.91	63.99	--	--	--
<u>Value of carcass meat from 100# live animal (Dollars)</u>									
Wholesale-New York 4/	28.78	27.91	29.89	22.89	20.52	21.05	19.11	17.73	20.64
Retail - New York 5/	37.10	35.87	37.99	31.11	30.64	30.20	24.94	23.84	27.86

1/ Av. Choice and Prime steers, 900-1100 lb.; lambs Choice except March 1960 Choice and Prime, and U. S. No. 1-3, 220-240 lb. hogs. 2/ Av. Choice and Prime steer beef, 600-800 lb., and Choice and Prime lamb. 3/ Composite av. of semi-monthly retail quotations on various cuts (incl. lard) combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight. 4/ 60 lb. of beef carcass, 49 lb. of lamb carcass and 60.43 lb. of principal hog products consisting of smoked, skinned hams, bacon, picnics, fresh loins, Boston butts, spareribs, and carton lard combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight. 5/ 47.0 lb. of beef cuts, 47.2 lb. of lamb cuts and 58.56 lb. of principal hog products, including lard.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Supplies of fresh meats were generally below normal with receipts of steer beef and lamb sharply reduced at some markets, but available meats ample in all divisions. Volume of Prime steer beef was very scant, but at the same time, demand lagged. Small accumulated lots of beef hindquarters from the previous two weeks were still a problem, particularly at New York, and Washington. However, most of these sold, due to cut-back in fresh receipts, despite mostly dull trading. Ribs were again the only beef item finding broad outlet at the several markets. Lower steer carcass cut-out at New York, was reflected through \$1.00 declines on hindquarters and chucks. Trading on lamb was fairly active and there was fair representation of spring carcasses at most markets. Choice and Prime 30-50# spring lamb sold at \$54.00-60.00. Demand for veal was moderately broad, and clearance good except at New York, where outlet held mostly narrow and there was some carry-over. Movement of pork was slow early, but turned active on closing sessions and resulted in fairly broad clearance. A large share of early price declines was recovered at Washington, while loin prices moved higher at other markets.

Compared with the previous week: Steer beef steady to \$1.00 lower, the declines at Philadelphia and New York; cow beef fully 50¢ lower at New York, otherwise steady. Veal sold steady to mostly \$1.00 lower, instances \$3.00 off, except at New York where veal prices declined \$2.00-4.00, and calf sold \$1.00-2.00 lower. Old crop lamb closed steady to \$2.00 lower. Pork loins closed \$1.00-5.00 higher. Majority sales of other pork cuts were steady to \$1.00 higher. Kosher steer beef prices were unchanged, but lamb sold steady to weak and kosher veal and calf \$3.00 lower.

CHICAGO - Fresh meat supplies were only moderate. A large share of the beef graded Good to average Choice with a smaller percentage Prime than in the previous week. Old crop lamb carcasses weighed 55# and over for the most part, and a sprinkling of spring lamb now showing up on the market. Beef trading was slow on the initial session, however, trading became fairly active Tuesday particularly for product to ship later in the week. Demand was good for ribs and loins at higher prices. There was little call for chucks and rounds until most interests entered the trade for product to arrive after Easter. Veal trade was dull, prices working steadily lower for the third straight week. Carcass lamb and hind-saddles enjoyed good clearance but stews and shoulders were neglected and failed to clear. Fresh pork trade was slow but loins advanced.

Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef steady to \$1.00 higher, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 up; veal fully \$1.00 lower; lamb steady; pork loins 8-16# \$1.00-2.00 higher; Boston butts 4-8# \$1.00-2.00 lower; spare-ribs 3# and down steady to 50¢ lower.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer beef was in rather small supply at most points on the West Coast due to decreased production but with Holy Week retarding the demand, volume was generally fully adequate. Cow beef was moderate but more than adequate for a slow movement and calf and veal also exceeded outlet. Old crop and spring lamb was fully adequate for a fair demand although old crop lamb was about out of the picture. Fresh pork cuts continued in liberal supply with trading slow while smoked skinned hams were slightly liberal at Los Angeles and moderate but adequate at other points on the West Coast. Other smoked meats were fairly liberal for a continued slow movement. Prices compared to the previous week: Steer beef mostly steady except for Choice 500-600# steer carcasses 50¢ lower in instances while a few Choice 700-800# carcasses sold 50¢ higher at Los Angeles; cow beef mostly steady, some sales \$1.00 lower at Portland; calf mostly steady, instances \$1.00 lower at Portland; old crop and spring lamb steady to \$2.00 lower, the decline at Portland and San Francisco; fresh pork loins steady to \$1.00 higher; other fresh pork steady to \$1.00 lower; smoked skinned hams mostly steady, some sales \$1.00-2.00 lower at Los Angeles; other smoked meats and lard about steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

Sales volume of meats in carlots was moderate. Outlet was generally sufficient to absorb available supplies in a moderately active trade. Price trends showed considerable variation between trading centers. Compared with the previous week's close, steer beef sold 50¢-\$1.00 higher at Chicago, 50¢ higher at Denver, steady to 50¢ up at Omaha and Philadelphia and steady at New York. Heifer beef closed 50¢-\$1.00 higher at Chicago, mostly 50¢ higher at Omaha and steady to \$1.25 higher at Denver. Cow beef prices were 50¢ higher at Philadelphia, steady to strong at Omaha, but 50¢-\$1.00 lower at Chicago. Lamb sold mostly steady except at Denver where sales were 50¢-\$1.00 lower with an increased volume of spring lamb carcasses at the full decline, while at Philadelphia old crop and spring lamb sold strong to \$1.00 higher, mostly 50¢-\$1.00 up. Pork loins closed \$1.00-3.00 higher with the full advance at Omaha and Philadelphia.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 16	Apr. 18
		1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	--	56.30	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	47.50	50.20	45.88	47.70	45.00	47.12	45.00	47.75
	700-800	46.70	49.85	44.38	47.05	43.50	46.00	43.31	46.75
Good	500-600	44.00	47.45	43.13	44.75	44.00	46.50	43.25	44.00
	600-700	44.50	47.45	43.13	44.75	43.00	45.00	42.00	--
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	44.44	--	44.00	--	44.25	--
	600-700	--	--	44.44	--	42.50	--	43.50	--
Good	500-600	--	--	41.44	--	--	--	42.50	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	60.20	62.50	55.50	58.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	49.70	54.50	50.00	52.62	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	45.20	49.50	45.50	48.25	54.00	56.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	49.50	46.00	46.50	45.75	46.00*	--	45.50*	44.50*
Choice	45-55	46.00	44.15	46.50	44.75	46.00*	45.00*	45.50*	44.50*
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	43.10	44.10	41.60	40.55	48.00	45.50	43.12	44.62
Butts	4-8	37.50	35.10	33.55	31.50	39.00	36.85	36.50	35.88
Spareribs	3# down	43.00	43.05	39.75	39.00	47.00	47.50	43.38	43.00
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	46.00	49.50	49.50	49.25	50.50	51.00	49.88	47.12
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		38.90	47.50	51.50	52.00	49.00	51.00	51.25	53.38
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	29.50	32.50	34.00	34.00	32.00	34.00	33.00	34.50
Lard, 1# carton		12.75	13.00	13.50	13.50	16.50	16.00	15.00	15.25

*Spring lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED APRIL 15, 1960

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	44.00-45.00	43.00-43.50	43.00-43.75	46.00-46.50	46.50-47.00
	700-800	43.50-44.00	42.00-43.00	42.75-43.25	45.50-46.00	45.50-46.00
	800-900	43.00-43.50	41.75-42.50	42.25-42.75	44.75-45.50	43.00-44.00
Good	500-600	41.50-42.00	--	--	--	--
	600-700	41.50-42.00	38.00-41.00	40.50-41.25	42.50-44.00	43.00-44.00
	700-800	41.00-41.50	38.00-41.00	40.25-40.75	42.50-43.50	42.50-44.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	42.50-43.50	42.00-43.50	42.50-42.75	--	--
	600-700	42.50-43.50	41.00-42.50	42.25-42.50	--	45.00-46.00
Good	500-600	39.50-40.50	--	39.00-39.75	--	--
	600-700	39.50-40.50	--	39.00-39.50	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		31.50-32.00	32.00	31.00	--	32.00-33.50
Canner and Cutter		32.00-32.50	--	31.00-31.25	--	32.50-33.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	--	41.75-42.00	--	47.00-48.00	48.00-48.50
	45-55	--	40.75-42.00	--	45.00-46.00	46.00-47.00
	55-65	--	38.75-39.00	--	42.50-43.50	43.00-45.00
Choice	35-45	45.00-46.00	41.75-42.00	43.75-44.75	46.50-48.00	48.00-48.50
	45-55	43.00-44.00	40.75-42.00	42.25-43.25	44.00-46.00	46.00-47.00
	55-65	40.00-41.00	38.75-39.00	39.75-40.25	42.00-43.50	43.00-45.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	39.00-40.00	--	40.00-40.50	40.00-43.00	41.50-42.00

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Sales in the Boston wool market amounted to approximately 11 cars of greasy medium wools at about steady prices. Demand for fine and one-half blood grades was negligible. Sales volume of pulled wools for woolen use was smaller than the previous week at steady prices while noils were slow and held about steady. Shearing increased in the domestic primary areas and wool was coming off in good volume. More sales were reported from all sections.

The Australian auctions closed last week and will resume on May 2. New Zealand quotations on 52s down to 48s advanced while 48s and coarser qualities declined. The United States, Russia, and Continental interests were the main operators. Shorter wools were coming on the market in South Africa at slightly easier quotes with England, the United States and France the main operators. The South American markets continued very dull.

Fleece Wools - Graded 56/58s staple and good French combing sold for future delivery around \$1.09-1.10 while graded 50/56s staple fleeces moved at \$1.06 clean basis, also for future delivery. Graded 56/58s baby combing fleece wool brought \$1.05 clean while 50/56s moved at \$1.02. Bulk medium graders' tags sold at 28-29¢ in the grease. Buyers in the primary areas were paying 48-53¢ but mostly 50¢ to the growers in Ohio for medium fleeces while 47-50¢ was paid in Missouri and Iowa and 52-54¢ grease basis was paid in Michigan.

Territory Wools - Mixed or grading clips in original bags, bulk 3/8s and 1/4 blood sold at \$1.03 clean basis. Some original bag mixed clips sold in the territory States around \$1.02-1.06 clean basis delivered Boston.

Mohair - Activity was practically at a standstill with about a million pounds remaining unsold in Texas.

Foreign Wools - Trade in spot foreign wools was dull. Cabled quotations follow with combing wools converted to clean United States oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields in bond.

Australia (oil-combed) - Closed for Easter recess.

New Zealand			
Oil-combed			
93	-	\$.94	107 - \$.91
834	-	.93	114 - .89
100	-	.92	128 - .87

South Africa

Oil-combed		Scouring yields	
7	-	\$1.17	22 - \$1.10
12	-	1.15	27 - 1.04
17	-	1.12	32 - .99
47	-	1.16	37 - .93
48	-	1.15	
53	-	1.12	

Montevideo, Super Skirted (Clean basis): 64s - \$1.08; 60/64s - \$1.05; 60s - \$1.00; 58/60s - 94¢; 56s - 93¢; and 50s - 91¢.

Carpet Wools - The recent active movement in New Zealand second shear carpet wools had diminished with practically no interest this week and spot movement of carpet wools was extremely light. Greasy New Zealand slipes sold for shipment around 83-84¢ clean fibers present. New Zealand carpet fleeces were quoted late in the week at 83-84¢ and crutchings at 78¢. Buenos Aires November second clips were priced at 86¢ and March wools around 82-83¢ clean fibers present for shipment, while greasy Cordoba blend was offered at 84¢. Spot pulled white Aleppo wool was offered at 73¢ clean fibers present.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic			
64/62s	-	3-3½"	Choice white \$1.35
62/64s	-	2½-3"	Choice white 1.25
58s	-	1½-2"	Spring lambs 1.13
58/56s	-	2½-3"	Gd. white 1.12
56s	-	2-3"	Tinged 1.10

Scoured Pulled Foreign

Arg. 56/58s - 2-3" Ch. white \$1.22

Greasy Pulled Foreign

N. Z. 50/56s - 2-4" Choice \$1.10
Clean duty paid for shipment.

Noils - 70s Aust. Fr. 76¢; 70s - dom. Fr. 72¢; 64s - Aust. nobles 90¢; 56s - dom. nobles 70¢.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Apr. 14, 1960 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange).

May wool tops	\$1.485
May wool	1.197
July wool tops	1.505
July wool	1.200

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended - 1960				
	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Apr. 2
	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Placed in cure -					
Beef <u>1/</u>	3,304	3,937	3,139	3,248	<u>3/</u>
Pork <u>1/</u>	66,855	66,019	70,841	74,270	
Other <u>1/</u>	24	57	37	14	
Smoked and / or dried -					
Beef <u>1/</u>	1,153	1,039	750	916	
Pork <u>1/</u>	47,517	47,566	49,182	52,558	
Cooked meat -					
Beef.	1,733	1,819	1,620	1,767	
Pork.	4,898	5,325	5,487	6,518	
Other	53	48	36	44	
Sausage -					
Fresh finished.	5,524	5,636	5,646	5,204	
To be dried or semi-dried	2,407	2,396	2,413	2,404	
Franks, wieners	11,525	11,887	11,756	11,891	
Other, smoked or cooked .	11,917	11,970	11,697	11,810	
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products.	3,770	3,584	3,585	3,405	
Steaks, chops, roasts . . .	11,295	13,232	11,366	11,574	
Meat extract.	129	65	51	58	
Sliced bacon <u>1/</u>	20,086	20,990	19,563	18,790	
Sliced, other <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>	5,259	5,309	5,217	5,131	
Hamburger	3,212	3,462	3,490	3,456	
Miscellaneous meat product.	3,610	3,636	4,441	3,513	
Lard, rendered	40,455	39,887	40,858	42,333	
Lard, refined	24,140	26,763	28,081	31,680	
Oleo stock	1,697	1,902	1,497	1,497	
Edible tallow	6,597	7,256	6,469	6,464	
Rendered pork fat -					
Rendered	1,535	1,538	1,659	1,553	
Refined	1,034	873	1,677	1,117	
Compound containing animal fat	15,028	14,691	14,760	16,115	
Oleomargarine " " " 2,874		3,163	3,245	3,036	
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	50,200	51,322	52,037	49,342	
Total <u>1/</u>	347,829	355,173	360,601	369,709	

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distinct processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

3/ Not available at time of publication.

Meat Inspection Branch, Agricultural Research Service.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	Week ended				1960							
	Mar. 5.	Mar. 12.	Mar. 19.	Mar. 26.	Apr. 2.	Mar. 5.	Mar. 12.	Mar. 19.	Mar. 26.	Apr. 2.	Mar. 5.	Mar. 12.
	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.	Under : 3 lbs.
	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.	or over : 3 lbs.
Canned product (For civilian use only)	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Luncheon meat	3,086	2,816	3,229	2,831	2,873	2,873	3,024	2,998	2,998	2,998	2,998	2,998
Canned hams	7,348	145	7,245	6,594	437	437	6,399	88	88	88	88	88
Corned beef hash	107	1,064	109	102	1,416	1,416	151	1,288	1,288	1,288	1,288	1,288
Chili con carne	102	2,341	261	94	2,162	2,162	119	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110	2,110
Viennas	26	1,106	17	36	1,040	1,040	53	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,092	1,092
Franks, wieners in brine	6	56	16	1	24	24	5	32	32	32	32	32
Deviled ham	13	197	14	17	230	230	15	249	249	249	249	249
Other potted or deviled meat food products	5	974	--	--	857	857	6	777	777	777	777	777
Tamales	128	870	28	58	639	639	23	766	766	766	766	766
Sliced dried beef	11	51	6	1	58	58	10	58	58	58	58	58
Chopped beef	--	219	--	--	197	197	--	154	154	154	154	154
Meat stew (all products)	41	3,040	21	28	1,715	1,715	31	2,355	2,355	2,355	2,355	2,355
Spaghetti meat products	43	2,053	38	53	3,003	3,003	57	1,985	1,985	1,985	1,985	1,985
Tongue (other than pickled)	10	17	2	6	16	16	4	17	17	17	17	17
Vinegar pickled products	194	332	178	174	291	291	206	315	315	315	315	315
Bulk sausage	--	72	--	--	111	111	--	229	229	229	229	229
Hamburger, rstd. or corned beef, meat & gravy	59	391	55	116	596	596	128	871	871	871	871	871
Soups	468	11,898	538	326	14,516	14,516	330	12,668	12,668	12,668	12,668	12,668
Sausage in oil	87	78	52	114	65	65	45	114	114	114	114	114
Tripe	--	109	--	7	81	81	8	110	110	110	110	110
Brains	--	53	--	--	69	69	53	32	32	32	32	32
Canned loins and picnics	745	43	842	845	43	43	695	58	58	58	58	58
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -												
20% or more	107	2,131	39	111	1,362	1,362	76	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480
Less than 20%	124	6,244	121	241	7,242	7,242	333	5,994	5,994	5,994	5,994	5,994
Total	12,711	36,301	12,811	11,754	39,043	39,043	11,772	35,842	35,842	35,842	35,842	35,842

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 307.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, MARCH 31, 1960

Holdings of red meats declined 19 million pounds during March to leave 598 million on April 1. Comparatively, 602 million pounds were in storage a year earlier while average holdings are 641 million. Beef stocks, reduced 20 million pounds during March, totaled 165 million on April 1. Although 3 percent below holdings on April 1, 1959, these stocks were 5 percent above the 1955-59 average. Pork stocks displayed a contraseasonal movement during March. A net decrease of 2 million pounds compares with increases of 21 million a year earlier and 9 million, the average. Stocks of 341 million pounds on April 1 were 1 percent above holdings the same date last year but 14 percent below average. Stocks of frozen picnics increased from 10 million on March 1 to 11 million on April 1, while frozen hams decreased from 66 million to 48 million, and frozen bellies increased from 108 million to 115 million during the same period.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, MARCH 31, 1960 WITH COMPARISONS
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity	March 1955-59 average	March 1959	February 1960	March 1960
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Beef:				
Frozen.	147,328	155,883	173,393	153,962
In cure and cured	10,728	14,882	12,218	11,495
Total	158,056	170,765	185,611	165,457
Pork, frozen:				
Picnics	1/	10,294	9,507	11,345
Hams.	I/	51,931	66,064	47,844
Bellies	I/	113,741	108,393	115,266
Other frozen pork cuts.	I/	107,791	110,500	111,709
Total	319,853	283,757	294,464	286,164
Pork in cure or cured:				
Dry salt bellies.	1/	10,712	11,416	11,655
Other dry salt pork	I/	8,477	6,463	6,285
Other pork cuts	I/	34,174	30,231	36,633
Total	74,305	53,363	48,110	54,573
Total pork	394,158	337,120	342,574	340,737
Other meats and meat products:				
Veal, frozen.	13,529	13,876	8,229	7,907
Lamb and mutton, frozen	8,583	10,991	12,203	11,655
Canned meats in cooler.	67,088	68,957	68,187	72,293
Total all meats	641,414	601,709	616,804	598,049
Lard, rendered and refined 2/	141,370	132,200	146,800	4/
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 3/ -				
Pork.	7,269	5,507	2,220	2,011
Beef.	5,646	1,659	2,147	1,824

1/ Not reported separately prior to 1957. 2/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 3/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U.S.D.A., the Armed Services and other Government agencies. 4/ Not available.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED APRIL 1, 1960

Cattle and calves on feed for market in 26 major feeding States April 1, totaled 6,663,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. These same 26 States had 7,206,000 head on feed January 1, 1960 and 5,001,000 head on feed October 1, 1959.

In the 21 States for which comparable 1959 data are available, a total of 6,401,000 head of cattle and calves were on feed April 1, compared to 5,939,000 head a year earlier--an 8 percent increase. Larger numbers on feed April 1 were shown for 15 States, two States were unchanged, and four States were down from April 1, 1959. The number on feed declined 7 percent from January 1 to April 1 this year, compared to a 6 percent decline during the same period in 1959.

The number of cattle and calves on feed in the North Central States April 1, 1960 at 4,852,000 head, was up 6 percent from the 4,596,000 head on feed a year earlier. Iowa, the leading State, was up 11 percent, but Nebraska, the second leading State, was down 1 percent.

Cattle on feed April 1, 1960 in 6 Western States for which comparable data are available (Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, and California) totaled 1,263,000 head compared to 1,075,000 head April 1, 1959--a gain of 17 percent. California, the leading State in the West, was up 34 percent and Colorado, the second ranking Western State, was 7 percent higher than a year earlier.

Fed cattle marketings from the 21 States January-March 1960 totaled 3,147,000 head, 9 percent above the number marketed during the same period in 1959. Marketings from the North Central States were up 7 percent and marketings from the 6 Western States were up 10 percent.

Beef steers and heifers (Prime, Choice and Good grades) sold out of first hands for slaughter during January, February and March at 12 major markets were 11 percent above the same period in 1959. Steer marketings were up 9 percent and heifer marketings were up 17 percent. These sales data do not include direct sales to packing plants, mixed lots of steers and heifers, and some deliveries bought on prior contracts.

Cattle and calves placed on feed in the 21 States during the first quarter of 1960 totaled 2,667,000 head, 6 percent more than during the same period in 1959. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into 8 Corn Belt States (for which data are available) during January and February this year were 4 percent less than during the same two months in 1959.

A breakdown of the April 1 numbers on feed in 21 States by weight groups indicates an increase in all groups except the 500-699 pound group which was down 3 percent from a year earlier. The number weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 453,000 head on April 1, compared to 393,000 head a year earlier; the 500-699 pound group totaled 2,133,000 head down 64,000 head; and the 700-899 pound group at 1,933,000 head was up 299,000 head. The number weighing over 900 pounds totaled 1,882,000 head--up 167,000 head. The number weighing less than 500 pounds accounted for 7 percent of the total--the same as last year; those weighing 500-699 pounds, 34 percent this year, and 37 percent last year; and the 700-899 pound group, 30 and 27 percent respectively. Those weighing 900-1099 pounds at 24 percent of the total; and those 1,100 pounds and over at 5 percent of the total were the same proportion of the April 1 inventory as a year earlier.

Of the cattle and calves on feed in the 26 States on April 1, 70 percent were steers and steer calves, 29 percent were heifers and heifer calves, and 1 percent cows and others. For 21 States with comparable data, 70 percent were steers and steer calves compared to 72 percent a year earlier. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 29 percent this year and 27 percent a year earlier. Cows and others accounted for 1 percent both years.

In the 26 States, 40 percent of the cattle on feed April 1, 1960 had been on feed less than three months, 54 percent had been on feed from 3-6 months, and 6 percent had been on feed more than 6 months. For the 21 States with comparable data available, the number on feed less than three months accounted for 40 percent of the total this year, the same as last year. The number on feed 3-6 months was 54 percent, compared to 56 percent a year earlier, and the number on feed more than 6 months was 6 percent, compared to 4 percent last year.

Cattle feeders in 21 States expect to market 53 percent (3,366,000 head) of the April 1, 1960 inventory during April, May and June. If intentions are carried out marketings for this quarter would be 19 percent above the number marketed from the April 1 inventory during April, May and June 1959. Feeders in the 26 States report marketing intentions of 3,532,000 head during the April-June period, 53 percent of the April 1 inventory. No comparable marketing data are available for these 26 States during the same three months of 1959.

In 1959, actual marketings April-June in the 21 States were 6 percent more than intended April 1. During 1956, 1957 and 1958 marketings in the 13 feeding States for this quarterly period average 6 percent more than intentions.

Cattle and calves on feed by classes, by quarters,
April 1, 1959, January 1 and April 1, 1960

State	:Steers & steer calves			:Heifers & heifer calves:			Cows and others		
	:Apr. 1,	:Jan. 1,	:Apr. 1,	:Apr. 1,	:Jan. 1,	:Apr. 1,	:Apr. 1,	:Jan. 1,	:Apr. 1,
	: 1959 :	: 1960 :	: 1960 :	: 1959 :	: 1960 :	: 1960 :	: 1959 :	: 1960 :	: 1960 :
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
Pa.	60	75	68	7	6	6	2	2	2
Ohio.	139	159	139	31	33	31	2	2	2
Ind.	155	143	123	71	79	67	2	2	2
Ill.	471	523	490	157	165	163	--	--	--
Mich.	79	100	99	28	29	26	1	1	--
Wis.	77	91	90	21	29	30	1	1	1
Minn.	269	279	286	131	137	148	2	--	--
Iowa.	1,081	1,102	1,160	362	401	442	3	7	3
Mo.	214	212	196	58	80	77	3	6	3
N.Dak.	59	74	61	28	45	37	4	6	2
S.Dak.	180	151	156	68	91	74	2	5	2
Nebr.	468	454	462	218	204	211	2	7	7
Kans.	145	204	192	62	87	69	2	2	2
N.C. States	3,337	3,492	3,453	1,235	1,380	1,375	24	39	24
Okla.	24	42	33	19	26	20	1	1	1
Texas	104	139	92	50	97	62	1	3	2
Mont.	22	32	26	16	33	27	2	5	4
Idaho	77	82	72	36	51	41	3	5	2
Wyo.1/		31	26		21	20		3	1
Colo.	175	199	189	141	182	151	2	4	1
N.Mex.1/ . . .		25	21		27	22		2	2
Ariz.	139	195	156	42	64	48	6	6	3
Utah.	24	28	21	18	27	25	2	3	1
Nev.1/		22	9		11	8		2	--
Wash.1/ . . .		89	78		23	21		3	1
Oreg.1/ . . .		46	39		16	13		4	1
Calif.	311	503	402	55	133	89	4	27	5
Western States	1/	1,252	1,039		588	465		64	21
21 State									
Total	4,273	4,787	4,512	1,619	1,999	1,844	47	95	45
26 State									
Total 1/		5,000	4,685		2,097	1,928		109	50
Percentage distribution of total									
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N.C.States:	72	71	71	27	28	28	1	1	1
21 States :	72	70	70	27	29	29	1	1	1
26 States1/		69	70		29	29		2	1

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UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
MARCH 1960 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
N. Atlantic States	124	105	135	119	514	514	193	180
S. Atlantic States	42	34	28	21	375	308	1/	1/
N. C. States-East	278	259	162	148	1,481	1,413	85	104
N. C. States-N. West	504	426	65	54	2,293	2,191	323	347
N. C. States-S. West	162	124	10	9	587	533	72	77
S. Central States	138	113	53	47	541	468	81	87
Mountain States	122	99	2	2	113	93	156	166
Pacific States	207	175	26	23	212	212	177	182
Total	1,577	1,334	482	423	6,116	5,733	1,088	1,143

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): March 1960,
Horses 4,464; Goats 2,752. March 1959, Horses 5,335; Goats 4,404. 1/ Not
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